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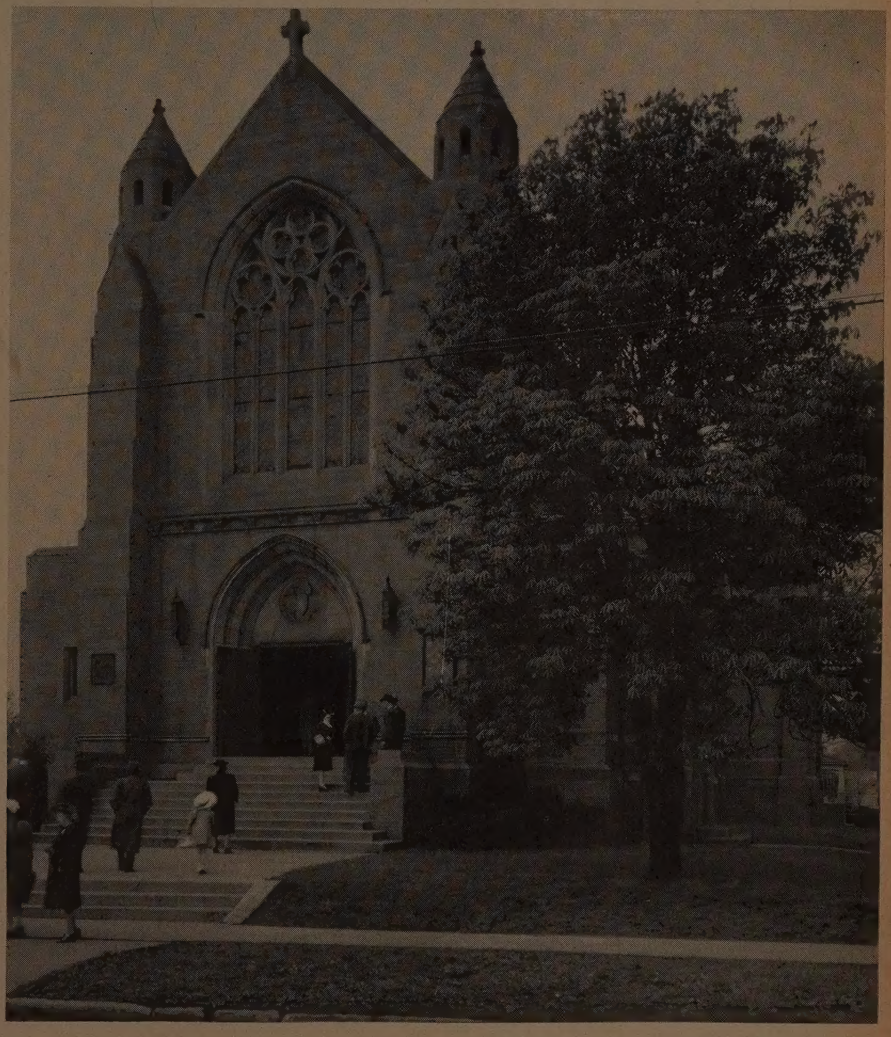

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio

Chaplain H. F. Gerecke, stationed in Munich, Germany, was surprised on his birthday by a visit from his sons, Lt. H. H. Gerecke and Cpl. Carlton M. Gerecke.

Chaplain J. Floyd Dreith had the rare privilege of relieving Chaplain William H. Rafferty as officer in charge at the Naval Training School (chaplains), College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. The last class of chaplains will graduate on Nov. 3, and Chaplain Dreith will then have the responsibility of decommissioning the station.

St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., reports that fifty-eight new students enrolled this fall, forty-two of them for the first year high school (Sexta). Forty-eight of the new students are planning to prepare for the ministry. The entering group is the largest enrolled at St. Paul's in many years. Total enrollment: 132.

The Office of the Chief of Chaplains has released the following statistics regarding Army chaplains: Seventy-six were killed in action, including twelve lost in sinking of Japanese prison ships. Sixty-two met death as non-battle casualties. 216 were wounded in action. 1038 chaplains received 1326 decorations in the course of their service.

Westfield Lutheran Mission, Fort Wayne, Ind.
College Mission Society Project

Concordia Church of Akron, Ohio—the frontispiece of this issue—has 750 confirmed members. The Rev. J. F. Yount is pastor. The value of the property is $150,000. Concordia Congregation is a member of the English District.

The Sudan Interior Mission has announced that at an early date a powerful broadcasting station will be erected at Addis Ababa, from which "The Voice of Africa" will preach the Gospel in many languages. Since the station will be located at a point central to Africa, Europe, and Asia, there is a possibility of reaching more than half of the world's population by its broadcasts.

Installation of the Rev. A. R. Meyer at Honolulu
L. to r.: Chaplain M. Zagel, the Rev. Virtus Gloe, Chaplain M. G. Kuolt; kneeling: Pastor Adolph R. Meyer, Missionary to the Hawaiian Islands. The installation took place at the Lutheran Service Center. Note Hawaiian garlands

Pastors P. W. Roehrs and Carl Haller of Wausau, Wis., and Kankakee, Ill., respectively, were given recognition at the Valparaiso University District Chairmen's Convention, held on the University campus Aug. 30 and 31, for having served twenty years as key pastors. Each of them was given time to relate briefly his experiences in the field since the summer of 1925 when a Lutheran administration took over the school.

Our Concordia Publishing House has printed half a million copies of the current issue of devotional booklets. Reports are coming in telling of many blessings derived from these booklets. Among the interesting uses to which they are put might be mentioned that one small-town newspaper reprints the devotions as a regular weekly column.

Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind., reports the enrollment of sixty-nine new ministerial students this fall in addition to 225 already in residence. The high school student body numbers 405, 211 boys and 194 girls. The total enrollment in the school is 630. New students in the ministerial and non-ministerial departments came from nineteen different States and from Canada.

Pastor Dallas Gibson, editor of the *Gospel of the Cross,* Fort Lauderdale, Fla., recently printed the following timely item: "An increase in the English divorce rate was described in July by the Archbishop of Canterbury 'as a grave national problem.' It is certainly that and more also in the U. S. A. The drunkard, the adulterer, the male or female philanderer, the three- and four-time marrier, are the moral saboteurs of the nation."

Mr. Victor C. Eggerding, prominent Lutheran layman of St. Louis, Mo., will be the chairman of the South Division of the Greater St. Louis War Chest Campaign scheduled for October. He served in the same capacity before and was reappointed because of his outstanding success. Mr. Eggerding is president of the local Lutheran Orphans' Home and of the South Side Y. M. C. A., and vice-president of United Charities.

Pastor and Mrs. F. E. Pasche, Hancock, Minn., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Pastor Pasche is widely known for his literary productions both in English and in German. Among these are *Daily Bread, Fifty Reasons — Copernicus or the Bible? The Road to Success, or Self-Improvement.* Our church papers carried a number of his poetical contributions. Eleven of the couple's twelve children are living. Ten were present at the celebration.

The former French luxury liner "Colombie," converted into a hospital ship, has been renamed U. S. Army Hospital Ship *Aleda E. Lutz,* in honor of the only Saginaw County nurse who died in service in World War II. Lt. Lutz lost her life aboard a hospital plane which crashed in Southern Europe. She was a member of our St. John's Lutheran Church, Amelith, Mich. The Distinguished Flying Cross awarded her posthumously is reported to have been the first award of its kind made to an Army nurse in this war. G. V. S.

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Editorial

The Gospel Has Another Opportunity

When questionnaires were recently sent to the Presbyterian chaplains in the armed forces asking them what subjects they deemed most essential and vital in reorientation courses to be offered by the seminaries for returning chaplains, the word "theology" stood near the top of an overwhelming percentage of the returned questionnaires. Dr. S. B. Harry remarks in *The Presbyterian:* "The voices of shallow thinking which a few years ago were crying out against theology are now getting fainter and fainter as the church becomes more and more conscious of its need for a more systematic and profound understanding of our Gospel truth."

Charles E. Morrison in the course of an editorial article in *The Pulpit* of April, 1945, states: "I believe that religious liberalism in adopting the dogmas of secular culture, thus deserting the dogmatic base of the historical Christian faith, is being proven sterile and will disappear."

This we regard as a very notable statement. While it does not indicate the return of Dr. Morrison to traditional Protestant theology, it passes a crushing judgment upon modernistic Christianity and pleads for the historical Christian faith and its dogmatic foundation. We have been reading editorials, poems, and prayers in some of the leading liberal magazines lately which have fairly astonished us. Consider this Lenten prayer which heads the editorial section of *The Christian Century* of March 21, 1945: "Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying of our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grace and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

This is certainly not the expression of the "moral influence theory" of the Atonement, but fundamental Christianity.

When in a recent address at a college commencement Dr. William Ernest Hocking, professor of philosophy at Harvard University, stressed the value of constructive planning for the days that lie ahead, emphasizing three parallel lines of reconstruction, namely, economic, political, and ethical, he was criticized by one of our most advanced liberal thinkers for "leaving the spiritual too much in a haze." "More than mere ethical standards or moral attitudes are necessary to the establishment of a stable and lasting peace."

We are living in a momentous era. It is well to look around and see what is happening in this age of rethinking and reconstruction. G.

Religious Education on Released Time

A wave of attacks on the program of religious education on released time, conducted for pupils of public schools, has caused some confusion throughout the country on the validity of the plan.

The notorious suit in Champaign, Illinois, is directed against the constitutionality of religious instruction on released time and in the buildings of the public school system. That program is nothing more than the old Gary Plan. In most instances under this plan, Protestant instruction is a curriculum satisfactory to a variety of participating churches. As long as this instruction is on a voluntary basis, its opponents will have considerable difficulty proving it to be contrary to the Federal Constitution. From the point of view of simple Scriptural trustworthiness and Gospel content, however, most of these curricula leave much to be desired.

In many centers throughout the country, churches of our Synod are participating in a released-time program administered on their own premises. Groups of children attend the churches of their parents' designation on the way to or from school classes, morning, noon, or afternoon. Some school administrators fret under the necessary adjustments; many find the religious instruction a valuable adjunct to their own aims. To our knowledge our program in Kansas City, Kansas, is the one of longest standing of this variety among Synod's parishes. Our pastors and boards have had to take a determined position both against the unfounded charge of mixture of Church and State, on the one hand, and against the efforts to provide a watered-down Protestant curriculum under union auspices, on the other. But they have found their efforts completely worth while.

R. R. C.

A Lutheran Voice in Every Town

We have given space to the argument for a common agency through which the public could be reached in the presentation of matters which all Lutherans share regardless of synodical connection. It is even more necessary that our Lutheran congregations, no matter how small, function in their own community as a local public relations office.

One would suppose that with the publicity spread by our wide-awake congregations of the Saginaw-Bay City area the man in the street would be perfectly familiar with our system of Christian day schools. To their amazement, those of our men who attended the hearings last year on the proposed introduction of religious instruction into the public school had to learn that the general public was grossly ignorant concerning our parish schools. Pastor Mayer of Bay City reports on the following action:

To counteract some of the wrong notions about our schools, our joint boards of Christian education of Bay County, which

includes five Wisconsin Synod schools, has entered upon an advertising campaign. We are running three "ads" now, calling attention to the aims and purposes of the Lutheran school and inviting parents who desire Christian training for their children to avail themselves of this opportunity. During Lutheran Education Week we want to follow this up with more advertising in the newspaper and with demonstrations in the respective parishes. This campaign ought to have a twofold result — to make our people more appreciative of their schools and to acquaint the general public with them.

We have seen some of these advertisements, and they are certainly effectively worded. While a newspaper is, as a rule, not affected in its editorial columns by its advertising department, it is natural that such paid space in the paper will also be rewarded by liberal publicity for the activities of the church and school.

Also regarding our relations to unionistic services the authorities as well as the general public should be informed so thoroughly that no improper demands will be made upon our pastors and people in connection with civic events or anniversaries. There is no reason why this attitude of our Church should be kept from the public until an occasion arises where refusal will subject us to misunderstanding and even persecution.

May every congregation function the year around as its own public relations office.

As we are approaching Radio Week, the possibilities of acquainting the public with our teachings and principles as well as with the history of our Church by means of the radio should not be overlooked. While the printed page remains the most potent agency for promoting a better knowledge of our Church, the radio has unique possibilities, of which a wide-awake church will make ample use. The record of our pastors in obtaining radio time is probably the best of all churches in the country; but there is still much land to be possessed. G.

Parents and Children

They belong together; that is God's order, that is a part of God's creation. Of this creation we read in the Scripture: "Every creature of God is good." It certainly does not require great depth of understanding to see the wonderful blessedness of the natural and proper relation between parents and children. It is only when sin has utterly corrupted even natural feelings that we see those of whom the Scripture tells us that "they are without natural affection," 2 Tim. 3:3.

But the highest and most beautiful development of this creation of God's is found in the Christian home. There the natural affection between parent and child is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, 1 Tim. 4:5. True, since even Christian parents and Christian children still harbor the old Adam in themselves, there will be moments and times when this sweet and wholesome relationship is marred and disturbed. In order to avoid such more or less serious collisions, every parent and every child is to remember what God tells each of them. Each of them should also think upon the peculiar difficulties which are connected with parenthood and with childhood. The child should not forget that the parent has made and is making great sacrifices for the child and is facing difficulties of which the child knows nothing, is bearing burdens which the child has never touched. The child should keep in mind that it enjoys blessings and advantages which were bought by the sweat and the sacrifice and the self-denial of the parent. And the parent, again, must call to mind that the child has not yet that understanding and experience which the parent, the older one, has been given. Parents and children should therefore frequently read the sixth chapter of Ephesians and consult the cross references of this chapter.

When speaking of children, we dare not forget those difficult years, the years of adolescence. During these years the children require the special care of parents. Both parents and children should remember that good Christian literature is a wonderful lubricant which prevents the creaking of the family hinges. Concordia Publishing House in its catalog offers any number of fine books and periodicals which solve the problems which often confront parents and children during the difficult years of adolescence. God has forewarned parents and children: "The prosperity of fools shall destroy them," Prov. 1:32. Any amount of wealth left to the children will never serve as a substitute for good Christian training. Truth is, if godliness is lacking, material inheritance will ruin. Cost what it will, those parents have done wisely who have seen to it that their children have been instructed in God's Word and have had the advantage of Christian advisers in spoken and written word.

Finally, let the young remember that neither our godly parents nor our faithful pastors wish to take from us true joy and happiness. The faithful pastor is not a taskmaster, but a helper of our joy, namely, joy that is worth while, and blesses us here and insures us an eternal blessedness hereafter. S.

The Hierarchy Is Nervous

The Pope is making strenuous efforts to defend his course during the war. In an address to the cardinals some time ago he insisted that he was a consistent opponent of the German form of Fascism. After all, the hierarchy knows very well that its attitude towards Italy's ruthless conquest of Ethiopia, its partiality for Franco's tyranny in Spain, and its decisive influence which prevented the Irish Republic from assisting Great Britain, all are very difficult to explain. The growing power of the Russian Church also augurs no good to Romanism. After the First World War and since then the Russian Church (Greek Catholic Church) sustained heavy losses. It cannot be denied that in the Far East the Roman hierarchy took unfair advantage of the temporary weakness of the Russian Church. Now retaliation is in the offing. Moreover, freedom and liberty of religion is being praised to the skies. In fact, is that not what we fought for? But that is the very thing the Vatican detests.

It is also well known that the trends in the Roman Church in the United States are looked upon with misgivings by the Italian head of the Church. No American is placed in charge of the entire American Church, but an Italian is stationed in Washington to watch American prelates and priests. Moreover, the Rev. E. Stanley Jones reports that Romanism is having its serious difficulties in South America. In the *Christian Century* of July 25 he writes that in Rosario, Argentina (city of half a million), during the V-E Day parade "the crowd booed the Roman Catholic Church and cried 'Down with clericalism!' as the representatives of that Church passed." In the same number of the *Christian Century* it is reported that the Vatican has excommunicated the Bishop of Maura in Sao Paulo State, Brazil, because this bishop attempted to launch a reform movement within the Church. No wonder the hierarchy is becoming nervous! The handwriting is upon the wall.

More important than all this is the word of Him to whom all power is given in heaven and in earth: "And then shall that Wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming," 2 Thess. 2:8. S.

A $2,750,000 Budget for 1946

By W. F. BECK, Publicity Office, St. Louis, Mo.

I

"Hath He not given you rest on every side? . . . Arise, therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God." With these challenging words from 1 Chron. 22 Dr. J. W. Behnken opened the sessions of the Fiscal Conference, meeting at Concordia Publishing House Sept. 18—20. This conference consists of the President and another representative of each of our thirty-one Districts, the Board of Directors, the President and Vice-Presidents of Synod. It is the annual task of this "council of seventy" to evaluate the willingness and ability of our members to support the Gospel in the following year. At this meeting the conference took into account the upheavals of reconversion, the possibility of unemployment, and the expectation of a business revival and of an unprecedented prosperity.

Missions

The conference saw MISSIONS written large into our program by the terrible judgments of the war and by the unlimited opportunities of peace. Wherever the American flag waves, in Berlin, Tokyo, and the many islands of the Pacific, as well as under other flags, the Cross of Christ must be set up. Our Church is to go forward mightily; and a healthy impatience will be shown with any congregations which may be satisfied to keep the fences where they are.

A large sum, $685,000, is needed by our colleges and seminaries, but almost double that sum, $1,198,000, is set aside for missions in 1946. Also any sum above $5,000,000 in the Peace Thankoffering, according to the resolution of the Board of Directors, will go primarily for missions.

Pastor A. Zeile declared, "The Lord indicates expansion to the Missouri Synod. Wherever God opens a door, we must be ready to enter that field. We must launch out upon a more aggressive policy of mission work. Our people will back us up. The best place to spend our money is on missions."

From the Islands of the Pacific

Pastor Virtus Gloe, who had just returned from Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands, was a guest of the conference. In his work in Honolulu the service center was used as a mission center with remarkable success. People stood in line before the church on festival, Communion, and other Sundays because the place was filled to the doors. The Army and Navy Commission bought a property for $42,000, which now has increased in value to $75,000. The congregation is almost self-supporting. It has contributed $70,000 in two years. $3,000 is set aside for a Christian day school; and Pastor Gloe declared, "If we could start a school with two classrooms and two teachers, I am sure we would have to turn children away. . . . Why did we come so late to this island?"

Now the Army and Navy Commission has extended a call to a man for the service center in Manila; it will do the same for Japan. In both places a similar prospect awaits us. "There is too much work for any one man in Manila or in Japan," Pastor Gloe urged. "The opening is so good; we are wasting time, letting opportunities roll away if we do not send more men."

Church Extension Funds

Mission expansion and the building of new churches go hand in hand. A poll taken of our Districts showed that $1,300,000 may be asked in the next few years from our Church Extension Fund. That is half a million dollars more than there is on hand. It means that promising mission stations will have to get along without a chapel for a longer period than is good for their growth unless ways are found to increase the working capital of the fund.

Pastor F. Niedner stated, "A great part of the effort of a strong and will-

Fiscal Conference in Session at St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 18—20, 1945

Delegates to this Conference are the President and Vice-Presidents of the Missouri Synod, members of the Board of Directors, District Presidents, and Fiscal Officers of Synod and Districts

ing arm is wasted if there is no tool in the hand; and a great part of our mission effort is unfruitful if we do not provide churches and chapels where they are needed." We need to build "a very large Church Extension Fund in order that we may include all the vast opportunities that the present time offers."

The Michigan District is effectively solving this difficulty, as Pastor Hertwig reported. This District has about a million dollars in its Church Extension Fund. Half of this is borrowed from members of the District. "We get all the money we need for one per cent or no per cent. We are saving the Michigan District $25,000 in rents alone. In this way the Districts can strengthen their funds and enable the weaker Districts to borrow the funds available in the general Church Extension Fund."

Ten Per Cent More

In 1946 our people will not be asked to raise a $5,000,000 Thankoffering; they will be asked for a ten-per-cent increase, or an additional $250,000 in the budget. But the Peace Thankoffering has been a good teacher. The figures show that where the Thankoffering was the largest, the contributions for Synod's budget also showed a general increase.

Again we quote from President Zeile: "I do believe that the phobia in regard to an increased budget should be wiped out. I believe the Lord has wiped it out; our people no longer throw up their hands when they come to circuit meetings.

"Sure, there are strikes. Sure, the pickings will be harder. But the Lord has given us more money this year than before. My congregation, and I believe every congregation in the Michigan District, is going to raise more for Synod's work this year than last year.

"I am going to take this budget home, and I really expect to get it. I want to go home and tell my people we have an increased budget — because THE LORD HAS GIVEN US AN INCREASED BUSINESS."

The Emergency Planning Council ($50,000)

This special arm of Synod has effectively helped our Districts in meeting the mission opportunities in war-production areas. The work has been greatly blessed: 50% of the emergency projects have developed into permanent District work. This council has put seven trailer missions into action. It has issued *When the Uniforms Are Put Away* and other literature to meet the special problems of these days. It represents our Church on government committees. It is planning relief and literature for Europe. One of its most blessed tasks has been in the German prison camps. Here 105 civilian pastors and 23 chaplains have been serving among 400,000 German prisoners in 765 camps in our country.

In the United States and Canada ($350,000)

Executive Secretary F. C. Streufert urged: "We ought to prepare a systematic, a progressive mission expansion program in every District in this country and Canada. We must make a thoroughgoing survey of every city, village, town, and hamlet, and of every rural community."

Significant for the mission spirit of our Districts is the way in which some of them are extending soul-winning arms even beyond their own geographical borders. It is a synodical fact that Alaska belongs to the Oregon and Washington District; Mexico to the Texas District; the Isle of Pines to the Southern District; and London and England belong to the Atlantic District.

There is a need for a greater interchange of missionary ideas among our Districts. To meet this need, the conference endorsed the publication of a professional home mission magazine, for which a special editor is to be appointed. It will furnish information concerning our thousand missionaries in America, stimulate interest in soul-winning, and suggest techniques of evangelism.

The Fiscal Conference encouraged the Board of Directors to allot additional sums, up to $75,000 if they are needed, for Home Mission work.

The Spirit of Separatism

By THEODORE GRAEBNER, St. Louis, Mo.

(Laymen are asking with an impatience which is not altogether unjustified, "What's holding up this union movement? Some years have passed since our Synod accepted a doctrinal basis for future fellowship, but the situation seems to be unchanged. What seems to be blocking the road?" The following article by a member of the staff gives at least a partial answer. — THE EDITORS.)

An article by Dr. John H. C. Fritz, member of our Synodical Committee on Lutheran Unity, in our issue for April 10 took up the complaint of *The Lutheran*, organ of the United Lutheran Church of America, against the "constant delays and discussions of Missouri" in the matter of union with other Lutheran bodies. We are prompted to take notice of certain evidences of an agitation in the opposite direction, an agitation against the progress which is now being made in the direction of Lutheran union. We are taking our cue from a remark by Dr. Fritz in a later article, when he writes concerning the *Doctrinal Affirmation*, "All who study this document should seek to determine whether the statements made are correct and whether they fully cover all the doctrines that were in controversy, but they should not demand that a document be written *in accordance with the individual preference which one might have* in reference to the wording which is to be used to express the truth." The italics are our own. The unfair mode of criticism here alluded to is at the bottom of some of the faultfinding to which the *Doctrinal Affirmation* has been exposed and in part accounts for the delay in our progress toward a larger fellowship.

We have said before that the editors of the LUTHERAN WITNESS hold no brief for the *Doctrinal Affirmation*. This document is a statement presented by its Union Committee to our Synod in 1944 as the result of deliberations with a similar committee of the American Lutheran Church. Synod resolved that our pastors and congregations give it study so that a vote may be taken in 1947. We understand this resolution to mean that also our official organs withhold judgment until Synod has spoken by a formal resolution. However, we owe it to the authors of the Affirmation that their work be judged fairly and not in an atmosphere of suspicion created by the circulation of acidulous critiques. A mimeographed document which reached us without signatures contains this astounding sentence:

"Looking at the *Doctrinal Affirmation*, one detects in every instance, that is, through the entire Affirmation, that careful alterations, pertinent additions and designed omissions of, to and in the *Brief Statement* afford cover to every erroneous view or teaching prevalent in the Synods now of the A. L. C. during the course of their existence."

Let us analyze these charges. It is

claimed that the Affirmation contains *careful* alterations, *pertinent* additions, *designed* omissions. In other words, the authors have conspired to set before the Church a document of which they knew that they were changing it so as to accommodate error. Furthermore, it says that this holds good "throughout the entire Affirmation," "in every instance." In other words, we are told that every part of the Affirmation is infected with this trickery. Finally, it is said that whatever errors were taught by the opponents of Missouri (therefore, since 1818, when the Ohio Synod was organized) have been given coverage in the *Doctrinal Affirmation.*

Now, consider what this means for the authors of the Missouri Synod's *Brief Statement.* This is not a typographical error. We say, "of the *Brief Statement,*" not of the *Affirmation.* The entire article of the *Brief Statement* on Conversion has been taken over in a body, without change or omission.* Now we are told that "in every instance, throughout the entire Affirmation" there is an evident purpose to create a hiding place for false doctrine. In other words, Drs. Pieper and Engelder and the other authors of the *Brief Statement* have conspired to find words which will cover up once prevalent errors concerning conversion. The authors of the critique don't want to maintain this, of course, but the charges, as they read, compel just this conclusion. Is it not evident that the authors of such reckless and untruthful criticism speak from prejudice rather than from an intention to give the *Doctrinal Affirmation* fair consideration?

This same document then proceeds to employ the simple artifice of giving the worst possible construction to every omission from, as well as to every addition to, the *Brief Statement.* Now, our Synod in 1941 resolved that in order to obtain one document (where, since 1938, we have had three) it may be necessary to change the wording of the *Brief Statement* (*Proceedings,* page 302). The *Brief Statement* is not sacrosanct, it is not inspired. It may possibly be improved. But every change is now viewed as an unworthy attempt of the authors to find a hiding place for every doctrine in which there was once controversy. This is a kind of criticism against which no man's theology, not even the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, nay, not even the Scriptures themselves, could stand up. At the opening of the Seventh Article the Apology of the Augsburg Confession says (*Triglotta,* page 226): "Nothing can be spoken with such care that it can escape misrepresentation."

As long ago as 1939 Prof. H. Haman of our Australian Theological Seminary, analyzing the literature which had been called forth by the 1938 union resolutions, declared: "It is not ethical to suspect trickery and subterfuge. We must not simply deplore, but censure in the spirit of meekness, the intemperate language resorted to by some of the friends from our own side. We have no patience with those who hint that it proceeded from mere megalomania and the desire to impress the world with large numbers. We wish that we could send all those armchair critics who speak slightingly of the present movement into the foreign field for a term, so that they might see with their own eyes the shock of pained surprise in converts who learn that there are many Christian churches and that there are various Lutheran bodies not in communion with each other." "By casting aspersions on each other, two church bodies, with a century-old division between them, are not likely to approach any nearer to each other. The first requirement to an understanding is that each have that confidence in the other that it is honestly endeavoring to act in obedience to God and in brotherly love."

We prefer the spirit in which Dr. Theodore Hoyer in his Synodical Conference essay of 1938 warned against discouragement and passivism: "There is danger of assuming another attitude, that of standing so straight that we lean over backward. Let us not give just cause for the accusation that we are deliberately separatistic, that we refuse to unite with others because we want to be different. Let us again keep in mind what Luther said when Henry VIII published his first confession, the Ten Articles. Luther said, 'It is indeed true that we ought to have patience even though everything in doctrine be not realized at once (as this has not occurred even among us).' And then, is the situation with reference to the present Lutheran synods so altogether hopeless? Our Confessions cover all doctrines of Holy Writ; no other Church has confessions so all-inclusive and explicit; yet none of the Lutheran synods has deliberately discarded any part of these Confessions nor added anything to them. Divisions and dissensions in the Lutheran Church were far greater and more serious in the period after Luther's death; yet there came union in the Formula of Concord."

* One sentence was added to exclude Calvinism specifically.

On Lonely Ascension Island

I

I am all packed and ready to go again. While I am waiting for a plane to take me back to my former station in Brazil, I shall make good use of this time by telling you something about this island, which is one of the most isolated places in the world. I was sent here on temporary duty to take the place of a chaplain who went home on leave; and as he has returned, my duty is ended.

My stay on this island has been one of absorbing interest. It was on the morning of the 17th of May that I had my first view of the famous Ascension Island, so called because it was discovered on Ascension Day. We had left Natal at 9:15 at night in a large four-motored plane and zoomed through the sky at an altitude of eight thousand feet. We knew there was nothing but ocean below us, but could not see the water, as we were above the clouds. It was cold up there, and if we had not been given a couple of blankets, it would have been a miserable trip, as we had on only summer tans.

Ascension, or Else!

Early in the morning, shortly after 4:00 A. M., the pilot invited me to come to the front of the plane; and there I had a most glorious view: the rising sun was painting the clouds with the most amazing colors. It was a little after four in the morning on my watch, but I had not set it ahead, and there is a three hours' difference between Natal and Ascension; so the real time was a little after seven. Then the pilot adjusted some levers and said: "We are going down through the clouds now, and soon you will see Ascension." It was a thrill, and I shall never forget going down through those clouds and then seeing the outline of Ascension Island straight ahead of us. I was glad that we had a skillful navigator that kept us right on the beam; for if we missed this spot of land on the vast ocean, it would not be so good. It is over a thousand miles in any direction to the nearest land, and when planes miss Ascension Island, they cannot go on to some other landing field. It is Ascension, or else! "If you miss Ascension, your wife gets a pension."

Our big plane landed gracefully on the field, like a big bird, and I went over to a part of the island, quite a distance from the airfield, where the chaplains have their office and quarters. On the way over there I saw the so-called lone tree, a solitary coconut palm. There is a lone tree where the airfield is, and many say it is the only tree on the island. (John Gunther *et al.*) But the lone tree is a myth. There are many trees on the island, especially in

the vicinity of Green Mountain. I went up Green Mountain the first Sunday I was here, as we conduct services there for the St. Helenians who work there, taking care of the gardens and the cattle for the British. Green Mountain is a delightful contrast with the rest of the island. All of the island is nothing but volcanic rock and cinders. As I look out of my window here, I see hills and elevations, but not a blade of green grass. All is burned-out rock, which extends right down to the ocean on all sides. Nothing grows in these rocks, and it was very depressing at first to see nothing but lifeless rocks. In many parts of the island you find craters of huge volcanoes, which have been given fanciful names, such as "The Devil's Riding School." I don't know if this place was intended by God to be one of the outposts of hell; but it must have had a great similarity to it when all these rocks were aflame and rolling down to the ocean, and crushing out all life that ever existed there. After seeing nothing but rocks, rocks, rocks, of a dirty dark color, it is a marvelous transition to take the steep, winding road up Green Mountain, so steep that even a jeep can't make the turns without backing up, and there to see stately trees, green knolls, flowering shrubs, and mountain scenes of unexcelled beauty. On one of the walks you come to groves of banana palms, around the turn you see solid banks of maiden hair ferns, and on the very tip of the mountain, at about 3,000 ft. elevation, there is a huge bamboo grove, with almost tropical foliage. I could not get over it to find such a thick growth of bamboo and ferns and shrubs on the very peak of a mountain.

Link of Three Continents

A very interesting part of Ascension Island is the quaint city of Georgetown, the British colony. As you can see from your map, this island is an important link between Africa-Europe and America, and so it has always been valuable as a center of communications. Its strategic position has made it most important in this war for flying planes back and forth. The British have been here for a long time, and it is significant, I think, that the oldest building in Georgetown is the stately church, where I was privileged to hold services on Wednesday evenings, by special permission from the Anglican bishop in Saint Helena. The British have no ordained minister here, but they have services every Sunday, and these are well attended. Two of the laymen have been appointed by the bishop to conduct the services. In the church there are tablets in memory of people who died on the island, and I noticed that many of the tablets are older than I am. In fact, the historic church in Georgetown is 102 years old this month. For over a century this attractive Protestant church has been pointing people on this island to their God and reminding them that their welfare depends upon Him and their happiness depends upon bringing their life into conformity to His will. When our troops first arrived here, the British allowed both the Catholics and the Protestants to use the church for services; but as the troops are not stationed near Georgetown, it was deemed advisable to build chapels in the areas where the troops are located and have services for them every Sunday. Transportation was provided for those farther away to come to church. It will not be the Army's fault if a man loses his religion while in the Army, for chaplains and places of worship are provided wherever we have men. Even in this remote and isolated place there have been chaplains serving the spiritual needs of the men from the very beginning.

I was delayed in getting out here from Recife, as the Theater Chaplain wanted me to remain there fore the National Day of Prayer proclaimed by President Truman. For two Sundays the Protestant men on the island were without a chaplain. It made me feel bad to think they would be without Sunday services, but my worries were in vain. When the men found that the chaplain wouldn't be here, they chose one of their group who was well acquainted with his Bible to conduct the services and give them a sermon. They continued with the midweek devotional, the Service Men's Christian League, and the choir rehearsals. It was most gratifying to me to see how the men continued with the religious work even though they did not have a chaplain. HENRY O.

The L. L. L. Calls New Members

By THEODORE HILLMANN, St. Louis

When the national convention of our Synod was held at Milwaukee in 1917, an indebtedness of $100,000 was resting on our Church. This debt dampened the Four Hundredth Reformation Jubilee spirit. On the evening of June 22 about a dozen laymen met for the purpose of discussing plans to raise the funds necessary to liquidate this debt. A temporary organization was effected. It was agreed that the name of the new organization should be The Lutheran Laymen's League and its purpose to aid Synod with word and deed in business and financial matters whenever possible.

God gave success to this undertaking, and the entire debt was paid before the close of the year. Thus the Lutheran Laymen's League had its conception in a protest against the lethargy of our members.

Since its beginning the League has adhered to its purpose. In 1918 the L. L. L. began its collection of the $3,000,000 Endowment Fund. Although the goal has not been attained, the amount collected has since almost doubled. The $2,700,000 have thrown into the Support Fund of Synod more than $2,400,000 for the support of aged workers in the Church, their widows and orphans. Jointly with the Walther League the L. L. L. established Station KFUO. When in 1926 Concordia Seminary was removed to its present location, it was the League's privilege to appropriate $50,000 for the erection of the new station. Synod's own and only radio station, KFUO, has been subsidized by the League throughout its history.

In 1930 the League undertook the sponsoring of the Lutheran Hour, an international radio crusade for Christ. This project has enjoyed a phenomenal growth. Broadcasts of the Lutheran Hour are heard over some 600 stations, either by hookup or recordings, in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. The estimated expenditure for the coming season will exceed $920,000.

During the last two years the L. L. L. has served the Church in another capacity, the Laymen's Seminars. Over 40,000 of our members have heard problems of our Church presented and discussed by able leaders. These Seminars have been very helpful in awakening a deeper responsibility and interest in the welfare of our Church. The Seminars are to our laymen what conferences are to our pastors and teachers. These many thousands in attendance should exert a strong influence in their home congregations toward increased activity and participation in the work of the Church. A recent survey revealed that about 550 men's groups use the Christian Projeet Topics furnished by the Laymen's League. This is another way in which a more enlightened and zealous lay membership is being built.

At the request of the President of Synod, representatives of Synod's Board for Young People's Work, Synod's Board for Parish Education, the International Walther League, the Lutheran Laymen's League, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the Lutheran Charities Association met in St. Louis in the spring of 1944 to discuss with Dr. Behnken the problem of juvenile delinquency and its common forerunner, parental neglect. Realizing the value of the film as an educational agency, this meeting proposed the production of a moving picture that would prove a valuable aid in combating delinquent youth's escapades also through the education of their parents. It was the privilege of the L. L. L. to produce and distribute this picture. More than 500 presentations have been made, and the production, with all it entails plus the instruction derived from it, is widely acclaimed. The League feels honored to render this service to the Church.

With the beginning of October the League launches its annual Roll Call membership drive. This was most successful during the last campaign, when about 9,000 new names were added to the Roll. Active support requires, first of all, the selection of an active, ardent member to sponsor the cause in the local church. What a power for good in the 250,000 men in our Church if their talents could be enlisted to a greater service in the Kingdom!

Why an increased membership? The expansion of present projects requires it. In June the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Laymen's League resolved to take immediate steps to prepare programs with music, announcements, and messages in the various languages of Europe. There is at present no greater field for missions than Europe. We see a possibility for mission in that war-torn continent and also a responsibility. The radio need not wait for a rebuilding.

Those who appreciate their own salvation, those who love their Savior and fellow man, will do well to enlist in this growing army of laymen, dedicated to service to Christ and His Church.

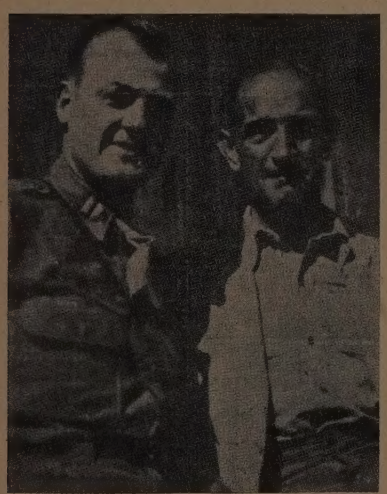
For Christ and Humanity

Our Church in Service to a World Stricken by War

Revs. Bornhoeft, Niemoeller Discuss Germany's Future

"Prayer is the only factor that can aid in the spiritual rehabilitation of the German people," the Rev. Martin Niemoeller, leader of the new Confessional Lutheran Church in Germany, told a group of Allied Army chaplains during a two-hour conference in Frieberg recently. The conference was arranged by Capt. Theodore P. Bornhoeft, Army chaplain, who was assistant pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Schenectady, N. Y., before entering service.

This information was revealed by Chaplain Bornhoeft in a letter to the Rev. Karl Schleede, pastor of the Schenectady church, who was honorably discharged



Chaplain T. P. Bornhoeft with Pastor Niemoeller

from the Army Chaplain Corps with the rank of colonel, last year.

Picturing the rebuilding of the religious life of the German people as a tremendous task with a very dark outlook, the Rev. Mr. Niemoeller deliberated for a time before answering a question from one of the chaplains: "What can we do to help?"

He answered: "Pray. Prayer is the only thing that can help." He said that no mortal can do anything in that country without the moving force of Almighty God. He told the chaplains that conditions are extremely bad because Nazism has taken such a great hold on so large a group of young people. Stressing the seriousness of conditions in Europe, he spoke of the suicides of 14 clergymen in Berlin since the liberation of Germany. The Lutheran leader said cause of the suicides was not really known, except that clergymen had become terribly disheartened, Chaplain Bornhoeft wrote.

Five Lutheran chaplains and representatives of Presbyterian and Methodist denominations were included in the small group in the conference with the liberated Lutheran minister. The Rev. Mr. Niemoeller was pastor of a Berlin church when he was imprisoned by the Nazis; but since his liberation by the Allies he has been superintendent of Protestant work in Germany, acting as leader of the movement for rehabilitation of spiritual life there. — *Schenectady Union-Star*, Sept. 17, 1945.

Service Center in Paris

Last Sunday, July 22, saw the full development of our Sunday activities here in Paris. The morning service was attended by some fifty men and women, with twenty-five communing. The evening Vespers were attended by twenty, with eighteen receiving the blessed Sacrament. Afterwards fourteen enjoyed the fellowship meeting in the parsonage apartment. The only trouble was that the tea was strong enough to "float the Pacific third task force." Later on in the evening it became all right as water was added to replace that which the boys had consumed. — The offering for the day was 3,581 frans ($71.62). Not bad! All of our offerings are for the rehabilitation of the Lutheran Church in Europe. Monday after breakfast I boarded a plane for London, where I arrived in time for lunch and full two days' activities, coming back to Paris again in time for lunch and another full day.

London H. DIERKS

Help Needed

In a recent report from Berlin, the *New York Times* told that representatives of welfare organizations had appealed to the Allies to halt temporarily the exodus of approximately 16,000,000 to 18,000,000 Germans from the former German provinces of East Prussia, Silesia, and Pomerania.

The welfare organizations would then be enabled to meet the situation caused by this large-scale migration in a more orderly manner. Representatives of the welfare organizations asserted that these refugees were subject to terrific hardships and threatened by death and starvation.

Heinrich Grueber, a Lutheran pastor, is quoted as saying that the Poles were often giving the Germans only ten minutes to leave their ancestral homesteads and were allowing them to take only forty pounds of the barest necessities with them. Of these 16 to 18 million refugees, an estimated 10 million are Lutheran.

Their plight is further illustrated by a letter from a Berlin pastor to the Bishop of Chichester. Excerpts from this letter follow.

"The need that confronts us daily during office hours and on every street of Germany is beyond verbal description. I know the sufferings of the Jews. I shared the tortures of the concentration camps, but what happens now right in front of our eyes surpasses in form and in extent everything that has happened thus far. I think of the people who in their despair take their own lives. Thousands of bodies are hanging from the trees in the woods around Berlin, and nobody bothers to cut them down. Thousands of corpses are carried into the sea by the Oder and the Elbe Rivers — one doesn't notice it any longer. Thousands and tens of thousands are starving on the highways. For weeks and months thousands have not known where they would ever find again a place they could call home. Thousands are separated from their loved ones. Children roam the highways alone, their parents shot, dead, lost. . . ."

Several case histories from the office records are cited as examples.

Mrs. Sch., wife of a minister, driven from X in East Prussia on Aug. 2, 1944. Since that time she has been on the highway with her four children, ages seven, six, three, and two years. The farmers in the villages through which she has passed do not want her. Because of her four children she cannot do enough work. Since nobody is allowed to enter Berlin and she entered illegally, she is unable to obtain food-ration cards for herself or her children. She left her temporary refuge early in the morning. Since yesterday her children have not had anything to eat. When they waken, they cry from hunger. She says she can't bear to listen to them any longer. I cannot give anything to her, since we ourselves have not received any bread for a day and a half. She asks whether someone would care for her children if she left them. Then they would be orphans, she reasoned, and would have to be taken care of in an orphanage. She said that that would be the hardest step in her life — but for her children she would do it."

"H. reports that of a group of 2,400 people fleeing from T. to G., 1,000 died on the way. For the survivors there is no refuge. They do not know where to turn. . . ."

"Two daughters and one ten-year-old granddaughter of Pastor S. are suffering from gonorrhea. Their physician cannot treat them any longer since medicine is not available. . . ."

If nothing else, this letter reveals the terrible need for food and medicine in some parts of Germany. To be sure, these people have been our enemies. But they are defeated enemies. As one American churchman has already put it: "Even if Germany is a criminal nation, she is now like a criminal apprehended. In America we feed even our worst gangsters up until the time we lead them to the place of execution. Can we ask less for our brethren in the faith?"

American Christians will have to answer this question. And unless they find a Christian answer, hundreds of thousands will needlessly die this winter.

N. L. C. N. S.

European Commission

Since the undersigned, as representative of Synod, accompanied by Dr. L. Meyer, is making a trip to Europe to survey conditions and to determine how our Church can best bring spiritual and physical relief to the Lutheran Churches of Europe, all correspondence pertaining to the President's Office should until further notice be directed to the First Vice-President, the Rev. H. Harms, 1515 Marquette St., Davenport, Iowa.

J. W. BEHNKEN, *President*

October 5, 1945

Editors and Publishers Meet in St. Louis

About forty Lutheran editors and managers met as the guests of Concordia Publishing House for their seventeenth annual convention on Sept. 19 and 20. Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn, the retiring editor of *The Lutheran,* presided. His successor as president of the National Lutheran Editors' Association is Dr. O. G. Malmin. Papers were read by Dr. E. E. Ryden on "The Well-Balanced Church Paper," by Dr. Th. Graebner on "Public Relations and the Lutheran Press," by Dr. R. R. Caemmerer on "The Dignity of the Lutheran Press." There was a panel discussion by Drs. Paul Empie and O. G. Malmin on "World News Service," a paper on "Apologetics and Polemics in the Church Press" by Dr. G. V. Schick, on "Author-Publisher Relationship" by Prof. L. Blankenbuehler, C. P. H. Editor, and "A Review of the Year" by Dr. G. Elson Ruff, the new editor of *The Lutheran.* At a dinner tendered the visiting guests and the faculty of Concordia Seminary by the Board of Concordia Publishing House Dr. L. J. Sieck made a plea for the practice of patience and forbearance in what is printed on Lutheran unity and emphasized the importance of the study of systematic theology in the training of ministers in this atomic age; and Prof. Walter Gast of the St. Louis University spoke on "What a Layman Would Like to See Printed in the Church Papers." His talk was a sprightly yet well reasoned discussion of economics as a basis for judging our national future. The sessions on the second day were held at Concordia Seminary, with a luncheon in Wartburg Hall. — The managers held separate meetings at Concordia Publishing House and discussed matters of common interest, such as office procedure, perpetual inventory of stock, employer-employee relationship, problems regarding the returning veteran and making the best use of him, matters pertaining to visual education, etc. Next year's meeting is scheduled for Minneapolis. K. K.

National Lutheran Radio Week

According to all reports, building programs are being planned in our country on a scale never surpassed or equaled before in our history. People are building themselves homes, offices, schools, and churches. In some of our large cities plans are being made to tear down whole sections of antiquated buildings and erect new ones.

The most important building in the world, however, is still the human personality. It was built to house the Spirit of God. Many human personalities need rebuilding. They need to rebuild that which sin has shattered. Because of the physical and mental requirements of the war effort, many a person has neglected the needs of his body and, far more, the needs of the soul.

The Gospel can make mankind new. It can take a spiritually dead person and rebuild him into a character radiant with the powers of the Gospel. The world needs such characters more than anything else. That is why it is vitally important that the Gospel of the grace of God should be brought to every heart in our country and in the world. It is the duty and privilege of Christians to take part in that work.

During National Lutheran Radio Week, October 28 to November 3 (Reformation Week), we shall endeavor to bring the Gospel to people throughout our land. You are urged to take part by securing time on your local station. Be sure, however, to make your reservation early. Call on your local station manager now. Let's make this year's tenth National Lutheran Radio Week the most successful in our history.

HERMAN H. HOHENSTEIN, *Director*
Radio Station KFUO

Lutheran Editors' Meeting, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

First row, l. to r.: E. E. Ryden, Martin Sommer, Nathan Melhorn, H. C. Caspersen, O. G. Malmin. Second row, l. to r.: S. G. Mazak, Karl Kretzmann, C. S. Lystig, Theodore Graebner, E. W. Schramm, Richard R. Caemmerer, G. E. Ruff. Third row, l. to r.: F. Thysen, L. Petersen, G. V. Schick, M. L. Steuer

From a Pocket Notebook

St. John's School at Plymouth, Wis., has now *The Tattle Tale,* edited by the teaching staff. The first issue contains a lively tilt with the publisher of an evolutionistic text in social science; the letters are reprinted in full. It seems that the local drug store has the good sense to display on a separate table all the goods needed for this parish school. . . . Dr. H. B. Hemmeter in retirement at Pittsburgh is reading Gerhard's *Loci* and tells the younger generation to dip into *De Poenitentia* for a wealth of doctrinal exposition. . . . Now that Frank Colby has taken the "cow" out of Moscow, the Rev. A. J. Niemann is heading a movement to get the "pass" out of "tress-*pass.*" . . . Praise well deserved is that lately accorded Pastor Lambert Brose's *At Ease* by one of the Supplement editors. Reference is made to "the subconscious and the masterly way in which Editor Brose brings in the serious thoughts he desires to pass along." . . . "On the day of his death he was sitting before his desk, his Bible, as usual, lying open before him; suddenly he felt uneasy and said, 'I'm dying'; and it was all over. A beautiful, easy death was his." N. P. Uhlig in an obituary of Teacher Christian Paul. . . . "One of our pastors, who graduated from our Milwaukee college and who is now a chaplain in Germany, writes in the *Lutheran Chaplain:* 'Please advise the faculty in Milwaukee that native Germans think I speak a beautiful German, without even a trace of an accent, and that I feel the professors did me a great injustice in days of yore by passing me with a 3-grade. Have been made honorary burgomaster of the city of Fulda, Germany.'" *Lutheran Visitor,* Galesburg, Ill. . . . The statement of faith supplied by us for the Lutheran exhibit in the Century of Progress Exposition in 1933 was featured last month on a folder distributed in large quantities at the annual Saginaw County Fair. . . . Through their Joint Boards of Elders our Saginaw congregations had the only denominational religious exhibit at the Fair. . . . Among the towns which are obtaining a permanent Lutheran church organization through the Army and Navy work is Hattiesburg, Miss., where a lot for a church has been purchased and where the Southern District is placing a pastor. . . . Pastor G. E. Nitz in Anchorage, Alaska, celebrated V-J Day by reading our book *War in the Light of Prophecy.* He took note how all the false prophets were proved wrong by actual events and calls our book "the clearest thing that I have ever read on chiliasm." . . . Anyone who believes that nothing new can be done in an old framework should send half a dollar (we will say) to Pastor G. H. Hentschel of Hobart, Ind., and obtain *Parish Planning,* a treatise written after an official visitation of St. Paul's Church at East Chicago, Ind. It contains a lot of practical wisdom and sound theology, and a discussion of direct giving vs. bazaars and suppers which will stir up a lot of argument — or ought to. . . . Emil Ludwig, one of our imported literary men, published a book, *Of Life and Love,* which has offended even some of the hard-boiled newspaper reviewers by its doctrine of living for pleasure regardless of right or wrong. Anyway, he believes that the great artists have no need to consider the restrictions of a moral code. A reviewer in

the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* lands with both feet on this kind of literature. When Ludwig insists that a great man can be as little harnessed in moral precepts as a lion in a cobweb, the reviewer remarks: "I think he vastly overrates himself and all artists and how important they are: 'The artist as the greatest creator is master of the earth.' A plumber modestly feels he has a place in society, and so does a sausage maker, but an artist will tell you contemptuously that nobody else counts but artists. I see no reason why a saxophone player is master of the earth, above and beyond moral codes." . . . A well-written and well-printed pamphlet of sixteen pages was issued by the authorities of our Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires to encourage liberal giving for the new buildings to be erected for the institution. It contains illustrations and maps, printed in two-tone typography. . . . We do not so fear being accused of building new Towers of Babel that we are going to be frightened away from great planning. Of all the mistakes the Missouri Synod has made not one is to be attributed to too great haste. . . . As late as 1903 *The Literary Digest* ventured the prediction: "The horseless carriage is at present a luxury, but it will never come into as common use as the bicycle." We smile! . . . Samuel Morse asked for a subsidy of $30,000 to experiment with the telegraph. One of the senators who attended the hearing said that he "saw the glint of insanity in Morse's eye." . . . Someone else has said: "We are often being accused of inconsistency when we are making progress."

G.

Henry Bernard Hemmeter

When Dr. H. B. Hemmeter retired from the presidency of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in June of this year, one of the most versatile men of our Church began to recede into the historical background. In the course of fifty-two years since his ordination he served churches from the Atlantic Seacoast to the Mississippi Valley and held professorships in, and served as president of, two of our educational institutions; and though he felt constrained to retire from some of his activities on account of family reasons, he is still continuing his activities in behalf of the Church, especially in a literary capacity.

At a farewell banquet given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Hemmeter on May 15 the speakers were Drs. L. Fuerbringer, J. W. Behnken, Louis J. Sieck, Paul Schulz, Martin S. Sommer, R. C. Neitzel, Revs. J. C. Schuelke, A. C. Bernthal, and Messrs. J. C. Rodenburg and Eldor Mickan. The music was furnished by the Concordia Seminary Chorus.

Dr. Hemmeter was born in Baltimore on Christmas Eve, 1869, as the son of Christopher and Caroline (Weissmueller) Hemmeter. After attending the parish school of Old St. Paul's, he received his secondary education at Baltimore City College (1883 to 1886) and graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1892. The degrees of Doctor of Divinity were conferred upon him by Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1920 and by Concordia Seminary in 1939.

He held pastorates at Jackson Square (now Our Savior), Baltimore (1892—95), St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh (1895—1902), Trinity, Pittsburgh (1905 to 1908), Bethlehem, St. Louis (1908 to 1914), and St. Matthew's, Rochester, N. Y. (1918—28). In between he was professor of English and Latin at Conover (1902—05), president of Conover (1914—18), returned for another term as president (1928—36), and wound up his career as president of Concordia, Springfield, until his retirement in June, 1945. His literary activity included the editing of a *Life of Walther*, the *Sunday School Hymnal* (1901), a book of funeral sermons, THE LUTHERAN WITNESS (1902—1905), *Family Prayers, Modernism in Religion, The Verbal Inspiration of the Bible*, etc.

But Dr. Hemmeter's outstanding gift is that of oratory. He was one of Synod's first noonday Lenten preachers, speaking in St. Louis, Chicago, Fort Wayne, Detroit, Baltimore, Los Angeles, and New Orleans. He spoke to immense gatherings of Lutherans in Buffalo, New York, Brooklyn, Asbury Park, St. Louis, Cleveland, and other places. He was always in great demand as an anniversary preacher and as a speaker at banquets. He was one of the early promoters of Valparaiso University and of summer schools for pastors.

He was married on April 4, 1893, to Anna Helen Heitmueller. Of their eight children, Bernard H. is pastor in Chicago, and Henry paid the supreme sacrifice as a chaplain during the late war.

K. K.

California and Nevada District Convention

The thirty-seventh convention of the California and Nevada District was held at California Concordia College in Oakland, June 25—28. The opening service was held at the Church of Our Redeemer (the Rev. F. A. Haedicke, pastor), Vice-President Henry Grueber preaching the sermon. A very interesting and practical essay was delivered by Dr. Carl S. Mundinger of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.

Dr. Arthur Brohm, District President, reported that since the last convention fifteen ministerial candidates, six pastors from other Districts, and three teachers had been called into the District, while only two pastors were transferred to other Districts. Seven congregations were received and welcomed into District membership.

An outstanding feature of the convention was the adoption of the report of the Reorganization Committee, presented by the Rev. J. F. Bauermeister as chairman of the committee, which co-ordinated and combined the various District boards and committees in a District Board of Directors.

Mission work in the District has been signally blessed since the last convention. The Rev. August Hansen, director of missions, reported that thirteen mission stations and two parish schools had become self-supporting, while fourteen new stations were opened. The present workers' force includes 37 missionaries, who are ministering to 5,232 souls at 54 stations at a total annual cost of $52,660. The Hawaiian Islands were officially added to the District's far-flung mission field. All but $1,050 of Church Extension loans outstanding at the time of the last convention have been repaid, while $17,863.24 were added to the District's Fund, giving the fund a present net worth of $29,511.27. In addition to two full-time institutional missionaries who are carrying on regular work at some 20 public institutions, forty-five pastors are active at 119 public institutions within the confines of the District, under the leadership of the Rev. F. H. Menzel.

A most enthusiastic and encouraging report came from the District Board of Christian Education, which stated that eight new classrooms had been added in the District's 11 schools, necessitating the calling of eight additional teachers since the last convention. Four new schools will be opened in the fall, namely, at Hayward, Tracy, Eureka, and Lodi, and ten additional teachers have been called. Seven other congregations of the District are seriously considering the opening of a parish school in the near future.

In the interest of co-education at California Concordia College, the Lutheran Education Society was authorized to approach congregations of the District in an effort to gather $75,000 for the purchase or erection and maintenance of a girls' dormitory at California Concordia College.

Heeding the request of Dr. Arthur Brohm, who had faithfully served the District as president for twenty-one years, not to re-elect him, the convention elected the Rev. Carl Fickenscher of Sacramento as President. Officers to serve with him are: the Rev. F. A. Haedicke, First Vice-President; the Rev. J. E. Marozik, Second Vice-President; the Rev. R. J. Jagels, Secretary; Mr. A. H. Sagehorn, Financial Secretary: Mr. Wm. G. Bente, Treasurer.

Those elected to serve on the Board of Directors are: Pastors Fickenscher and Jagels (*ex officio*); Pastors W. F.

Schlueter and A. R. Kurtz. Mr. A. G. Fronz (Missions and Extension Committee). Pastor H. C. Theiss, Teacher A. Wermter, and Lt. Col. L. Meinnen (Parish Education Committee); Pastor J. Bauermeister, Messrs. K. Steinbeck, and E. Schumerer (Finance Committee). Advisory members are: the two Vice-Presidents, the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Secretary of Missions.

Bakersfield, Calif. R. J. JAGELS

Minnesota District Convention

The postponed, abbreviated forty-third convention of the Minnesota District was held Aug. 21—22 in Central High School between Norwood and Young America, situated in historic Lutheran Carver County, with the congregations at Young America, Hamburg, and Benton Township as hosts. Almost 300 pastors, teachers, and lay delegates registered on the opening day. District President R. G. Heyne in his report suggested as theme of the convention: "Redeem the Time." Eph. 5:16.

Dr. H. Gruebar, representing Synod, preached at the opening service and rendered reports of the mission endeavors and projects of Synod. Executive Secretary O. H. Schmidt presented the status and possibilities of our missions in foreign countries.

Pastor P. Schumm read an essay on "The Clearness and Sufficiency of the Scriptures."

Eighteen congregations were received into membership.

Reporting for the Mission Committee of the Board of Directors, Pastor J. Deckmann announced that the District was now subsidizing 98 stations with 91 missionaries; that a canvass of the Twin City Negro population would determine whether mission work would begun among the Negroes or not; and that George Shibata, recent graduate of St. Louis, is working among the relocated Japanese of the Twin City area. The salaries of all missionaries were increased by resolution of the District.

The Church Extension Fund received the "largest ever" repayments during the past two years. According to the Field Secretary, requests for loans from the Fund are pouring in rapidly. Itemized reports of the Stewardship Committee and the Treasurer indicated a remarkable increase in Christian giving.

Concordia College of St. Paul was given permission by the convention to solicit funds for a $350,000 field house. The District appropriated funds from its share of the Peace Thankoffering for the purchase of a site for the chapel and student center at the University of Minnesota, which expects an enrollment of 25,000 in a few years.

The proposal to divide the District into three parts was tabled until the 1946 convention. An overture urging blanket subscription to the LUTHERAN WITNESS was referred to a committee to report at the next convention.

Pastor H. J. Boerneher, Director of Christian Education, urged the investigation and liberal use of visual aids on all levels of instruction. The Youth Committee of the Board pointed out that parental indifference was perhaps the greatest handicap to effective youth work.

Election results: President, Rev. R. G. Heyne; First Vice-President, Rev. W. F. Rolf; Second Vice-President, Rev. E. Schuett; Secretary, Rev. A. Wenger; Treasurer, Mr. P. G. Kuntz. A virtually new Board of Directors will manage the affairs of the District during the next triennium.

The convention recognized the services of retiring officials not only by rising votes of appreciation, but also by tangible compensations.

K. F. LICHTHARDT

Northern Nebraska District Convention

The mention of Bancroft reminds one of history. At Bancroft, Nebr., where the convention of the Northern Nebraska District was held August 20 to 23, history was made in the Kingdom of God.

St. Paul's Congregation, of which the Rev. W. E. Homann, the District's President, is the pastor, and Zion Congregation, the mother of St. Paul's, the Rev. Ira Grimm, pastor, were the hosts.

The opening service was conducted by the venerable G. Chr. Barth. As synodical representative he reminded us of the objective that must engage our foremost and full attention in these stirring times.

President Homann's report recorded more changes within the District by way of additions and transfers than ever before. The District covers a vast area. Powell, the Wyoming outpost, is 926 miles from Bancroft. The Mission Board recorded expansion. A city mission and a Negro mission were begun in Omaha, an institutional mission at Norfolk, while new missions were called into being in Valley and Bridgeport. A portion of several days was devoted to the consideration of the reports of the Mission Board, of which Pastor O. Wehrmann is the chairman.

Much study was given the presentations of the Board of Parish Education, under the leadership of Pastor Theo. Stolp. Mr. E. Chas. Mueller, the Executive Secretary of Christian Education, drew attention to a gain in membership of 2.3% over the previous year, but

The Summer School of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.,

was by far the largest ever. Total enrollment was 566; 149 of which were teachers in service, and thirty-nine were St. Louis Seminary students who took advantage of the Emergency Teacher Training Program. Seated in the front row, l. to r.: Profs. Wiederaenders, Staack, Sterling, Kenneth Roseveare, Hoegin, Dean; Lange, State; Miller, Illinois President; Roehler, Schmeeckle, Beck, Maurer, Kruse, Registrar; H. H. Gross, A. W. Gross, Boehling. Standing at left is Miss Margia Lange and at right Miss Emma Merck, instructors in music. Next to Miss Lange stands Mrs. Laura Mackensen, Supervisor of Women, and next to her Miss Lulu Noess, R. N., Nurse.

deplored the shortage of teachers that will keep some schools closed in the District. History was made when the District adopted the resolution to erect a university chapel in Lincoln, the Southern Nebraska District concurring in this effort.

Five chaplains sent greetings to their home District: Chaplains R. W. Fricke, John C. Kaiser, G. A. Zoch, John F. Daniels, and O. D. Herrmann. The appointment of a committee to study the stewardship needs of the District was authorized with the view to electing a stewardship secretary should the committee's survey warrant such action.

The Memorial Service, conducted by Pastor C. Wolf, honored the memory of Pastors J. Holstein and E. Just, both of whom have given a lifetime of service to the District.

Pastor A. G. Johnson served as convention chaplain and delivered the Communion address. Pastor W. Wilkens addressed the convention on the topic of "Missions" and Pastor W. C. Rehwaldt on "Parish Education." The Anniversary Service, in charge of Vice-President V. Hoffmann, observed the golden anniversary of Pastors H. A. Hilpert and A. Ollenburg, and the silver anniversary of a number of pastors and teachers. Mr. Herry Lund, Treasurer, and Mr. G. F. Kroeger, Financial Secretary, presented very detailed reports.

President W. E. Homann was re-elected, as was also Vice-President V. Hoffmann. Pastor O. C. Decker became Second Vice-President. The convention essay on "Christian Stewardship" was very ably and interestingly presented by Pastor W. C. Birkner of Fort Wayne. W. C. REHWALDT

Southern Nebraska District Convention

The fifteenth convention of the Southern Nebraska District was held Aug. 13—16 at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr. The Rev. H. Harms, First Vice-President of Synod, preached the sermon in the opening service.

A registered attendance of 262 was reported. President I. C. Heinicke's report showed how many changes had taken place in the District since the last convention.

The essay on "The Doctrine of Creation" was delivered by Prof. G. Viehweg of Austin, Tex., and will appear in the jubilee volume of essays being compiled for Synod's centennial in 1947.

Vice-President H. Harms represented the President of Synod, Dr. J. W. Behnken, and was given time in every session to report on the work of Synod at large.

A Communion service was held during the convention. Pastors Wm. F. Reddel and A. F. Wegener delivered the sermons.

Much of the convention's time was spent on the reports of the Board for Parish Education and the Mission Board. All of the District's mission stations have shown encouraging growth. The University Chapel Committee was empowered to proceed with plans for the erection of a chapel at Lincoln. The District resolved to contribute $25,000 towards the University Chapel as a special thankoffering in memory of our men in the armed service.

A mission chapel fund of $20,000 was provided for. The American Bible Society was placed on the District's budget for the first time. The District's share of the Peace Thankoffering was put into the District Church Extension Fund. The Mission Board was authorized to subsidize radio broadcasting in the District.

Many representatives of educational and charitable institutions were present to report.

Election results: President, the Rev. I. C. Heinicke; First Vice-President, the Rev. Wm. F. Peters; Second Vice-President, the Rev. Wm. G. Nau; Secretary, the Rev. P. W. Sellman; Treasurer, Mr. E. F. Pflughoeft.

Delegates will never forget the moment when the radio announced Japan's surrender on Aug. 14, and all who were standing around the radio spontaneously joined in singing "Now Thank We All Our God." W. W. KOZNIG

Letters from Readers

ABOUT CLOSED CHURCHES

I have just read "Pocket Notebook" and noticed a dig at closed churches. There may be a good reason why some churches are locked. I am speaking of Philadelphia. Some of our large churches have caretakers, who are in or about the buildings. Such churches can, of course, be kept unlocked at all times. The caretakers will see to it that no one molests anything. But in many Roman Catholic churches the tracts and other papers are removed except when Masses are read. Their racks have a little sign on them, "5 cents please." But tracts and other printed matter are removed when no one is present to watch over them.

About a week ago a member of the Department of Police told me of some of his experiences, and among the things he told me was the strange news that the police in the bandit cars and in motor patrol cars had orders to watch church buildings very carefully. When I asked him why, he told that everything portable, including pews, was stolen regularly. Brasses, lights, etc., things which could be sold again, were never safe in any church.

There may be a reason for churches which cannot afford a special caretaker to be locked.

Philadelphia PAUL J. ENGELBERT

PROVIDENTIAL

When Hayek in *The Road to Serfdom* says on page 190, "And perhaps no other country provides a better illustration of the effects on a nation of a general and thorough shift of the greater part of its educational system from the 'humanities' to the 'realities' than Germany between 1840 and 1940," it seems rather apparent that the founders of our Synod were pretty smart when they left Germany for America and severed all connections with Germany.

F. J. MUHLHAUSER

Payne Whitney Clinic
New York Hospital

NO TIME FOR FIRING BLANKS

I pick up the Aug. 28 WITNESS and espy your article on "Program for the Peace." The third paragraph of it begins well — it calls for "a clear understanding of what are our civic and what our religious duties in the program of the peace." But it appears to me that this subject, already run threadbare, is to be approached from a different angle to *accomplish* something — to stir hearts and minds to realization and action. Now read on: "For such purposes God has given man his reason," etc. — no mention of "the salt of the earth" — the most precious gift of God to the world, second only to the gift of His Son — the individual Christian! The nearest thing to what I was expecting is that one vague sentence farther down: "The Christian citizen as citizen will take an appropriate interest [?] in these plans." Mr. Editor, this is no time for firing blanks, as one would over a grave! We still have obligations toward the State, both as a Church and as Christian citizens. This entire paragraph allows one to feel God has separated Church and State so completely that neither is to even recognize the existence of the other. Ours is still a country of, for, and by the people, including Lutheran citizens, who need to be reminded that spiritual concepts and ideals must pervade our country's social and political philosophy if it is to survive with honor — that *they* must assert Christian convictions as fundamental to their part in forging our country's future.

Washington, D. C. CHAPLAIN

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. Ernst F. Mueller (d. July 7, 1945), born in Orange, Calif., May 2, 1894, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mueller, attended St. John's Lutheran School of Orange; entered California Concordia College, Oakland, in 1908; Concordia, Mo., 1912; Concordia Seminary, 1914; graduated from Seminary in 1917; held pastorates in Kit Carson and Dix-Durango, Colo., in San Luis Obispo, Calif.; served his last charge in Visalia, Calif., for twenty years. In November, 1944, he was stricken with an illness from which he was not to recover. He resigned from the pastorate of Grace Church, Visalia, in May of this year and moved to Orange shortly thereafter. On July 2, 1918, he had married

Emily Tomann of Oakland, Calif, who, together with one daughter and two sons, survives him. He died at the age of 51 years. The funeral service took place in St. John's Church, Orange, July 10. The Revs. W. Gesch, W. E. Menzel, A. Wessling, and the undersigned, all classmates of Pastor Mueller, officiated. At the time of his death he was a Vice-President of the California and Nevada District. He also served as Visitor of his circuit for a number of years. W. F. SCHLUETER

Teacher Walter L. Sassmannshausen (d. Aug. 29, 1945) was born at Mount Olive, Ill., Nov. 17, 1890, the youngest son of Christian and Fredericke (Pahde) Sassmannshausen. He attended the Lutheran school and the public high school of Mount Olive and was graduated from our Teachers' College, then at Addison, in 1910. For three years he served as instructor at his alma mater; then he was called to the school of Ebenezer Church, St. Louis; in 1917 to Christ Church, Chicago, and in 1929 to Pilgrim Church. He was a very conscientious and able teacher. As an organist and choir director, he served on many festival occasions throughout the country.

He died of leucocythemia. At the burial service, on Sept. 1, the undersigned, his pastor, preached the sermon, his colleague A. A. Rumsfeld served as organist, his choir sang "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," and the Chicago Lutheran Teachers' Conference Chorus "The Will of God Is Always Best."

He was married to Helen Pabst, Feb. 16, 1919. This happy union was blessed with three children, Walter, Irene, and Carol. Walter served overseas as Lieutenant in the Air Corps. Besides his widow and children, he is survived by two grandchildren, three brothers, and four sisters. H. C. STEINHOFF

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Lutheran Race Relations Bulletin. 8 pages 4 by 9. Published by the St. Louis Lutheran Society for Better Race Relations, 4240 St. Ferdinand Ave., St. Louis 13, Mo. $1.00 for two years.

More than 200,000 books have been written on the so-called Negro problem. Lutherans should be informed not only because of their work among the Negroes of this country, but as citizens with an intelligent grasp of what is going on around them. The bulletin here announced is edited by Prof. A. Rehwinkel, Prof. O. H. Theiss, Rev. A. Schultze, and Miss E. Feddersen. G.

The History of Christian Doctrine. By E. H. Klotsche. Last chapter by Professor J. Theodore Mueller. 349 pages, 5½×8½. The Lutheran Literary Board, Burlington, Iowa. $4.50; advance price: $3.75.

The volume before us fills a real want, since there is no field of theology which has received as little attention by American Lutheran theologians as the field of the history of dogma. The best works of reference are by Reformed authors or translations of German texts. The time was favorable, therefore, for the appearance of Dr. Klotsche's *History of Christian Doctrine*. The author has been called to his heavenly reward since the manuscript was completed; he was last professor in the Chicago Lutheran Seminary at Maywood, Illinois. His work gives a complete history of Christian thought, beginning with the Apostolic Fathers and continuing down to the present day. A fine chapter is devoted to the Lutheran controversies after Luther's death, as settled by the Formula of Concord. A theologian of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. Klotsche had a firm grasp on the details of these remote controversies and ably sets forth the Scriptural decisions made in the Formula of Concord. Other splendid chapters are given to the analysis of Calvinism and of the Roman Catholic creed adopted by the Council of Trent. Dr. J. T. Mueller of Concordia Seminary in a closing chapter outlines more recent trends in Christian doctrine, including Barthianism and Neo-Thomism. G.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Wismar

It is never too early for choirs to begin practicing the Christmas music, which may be sung from the First or Second Sunday in Advent to the Festival of Epiphany.

Music for the Christmas cycle has been published by the Hall and McCreary Company of Chicago.

No. 56. Christmas Carols for Treble Voices contains 15 songs with piano accompaniment. They may be sung by either a two- or three-part group. All have been arranged by Florence M. Martin. The well-known carols, as well as some not so well known, will be found in this little collection. 20 cents.

Uncommon Christmas Carols for Mixed Voices. Arranged and edited by John Cozens. Contains 36 carols, most of them not generally known, as the title implies. Nine countries are represented. From Germany there is Heinrich Schuetz, with nine songs. The harmonization is simple and easy to sing. 20 cents.

No. 1901. "Sing, O Heavens." For S. A. T. B. (divided). By Berthold Tours. A joyful anthem of some 12 pages, with organ accompaniment. It ends with the "Adeste Fideles." "O Come, All Ye Faithful." 15 cents.

No. 1903. "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob." By Felix Mendelssohn. This chorus for S. A. T. B. from the unfinished oratorio *Christus* is more or less descriptive, needs an accompaniment, and ends with Philipp Nicolai's chorale "As Bright the Star of Morning Gleams." 14 pages. 15 cents.

No. 1904. "O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings." By John Stainer. S. A. T. B. Accompanied. The rousing, vigorous chorus is repeated after a more quiet middle section for sopranos, followed by a duet for tenors and basses. 15 cents.

No. 1906. "Glory to God." By G. F. Handel. S. A. T. B. Accompaniment. 12 cents.

No. 1902. "For Unto Us a Child Is Born." By G. F. Handel. S. A. T. B. Accompaniment. 15 cents.

Both choruses are from *The Messiah*, well suited for the Christmas concert.

No. 1905. "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light." By Joh. Seb. Bach. S. A. T. B. 10 cents.

This chorale melody Bach incorporated in his Christmas oratorio and is frequently found in Christmas programs.

The following anthems, all published by The H. W. Gray Co., are simply listed.

No. 1952. Let Our Gladness Have No End. Old Bohemian Christmas Carol arr. for S. A. T. B. by Claude Means. A cappella. 15 cents.

No. 1955. Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee. By Graham Godfrey. (Text: No. 350, *The Lutheran Hymnal*.) A cappella. 15 cents.

No. 1959. Praise the Lord, O My Soul. Psalm 103:1-4. By Frederick Schreiber. Organ accompaniment. Prize anthem of the American Guild of Organists, 1945. 20 cents.

N. 1960. The Lord Is My Shepherd. By Joseph W. Clokey. Anthem arr. for S. A. T. B. by the composer. Organ accompaniment. 16 cents.

Prelude on "The King's Majesty." By Leo Sowerby. $1.25.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

Ordained:

Cand. Waldemar E. Meyer in St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, Mo., by Arthur J. Meyer, Quin. Sun., Feb. 11.

Cand. Raymond S. Moelter in Grace Church, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., by William C. Schmidt, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Cand. Ralph Plautz in First English Church, Spencer, Iowa, by O. C. Geisler, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Cand. Robert Stude in Immanuel Church, Des Plaines, Ill., as missionary in Nigeria, Africa, by Allen H. Fedder, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 22.

Cand. William Henline in Emmanuel Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., as missionary in Des Moines, Iowa, by F. Heidbrink, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Cand. Frederick E. Kipp in St. Luke's Church, West Roxbury, Mass., as missionary in the Minnesota District by Robert B. Steup, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Cand. Theodore A. Michalk in Trinity Church, Fedor, Tex., as missionary in India by Max Studtmann, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Cand. Le Roy E. Buuck in St. Paul's Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., as missionary to China by O. H. Schmidt, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Edmund A. Pagenkopf as missionary for the Ida B. Wells Negro Mission and the Chinatown Mission, Chicago, Ill., by A. H. Senmann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Arthur N. Schwartz in Christ Church as institutional missionary, Norfolk, Nebr., by Oscar C. Decker, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Ordained and Installed:

Cand. John Lutz in Concordia Congregation, Williston, N. Dak., by W. F. Biel, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Cand. Milton Beer in Trinity Congregation, Bridgeview, Chicago, Ill., by W. H. Vatthauer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Cand. John D. Frese in St. Paul's Congregation, Lumby, 14 Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2, and in Zion Congregation, Kamloops, B. C., Can., by C. C. Jannow, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.

Cand. Elmer P. Kuehnert in Our Savior Congregation, Raleigh, N. C., by Leslie Frerking, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Cand. Henry A. Blanke as assistant pastor in St. John's Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by Henry Blanke, Sr., 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Arthur Dey in Trinity Congregation, Greensburg, Ind., by W. V. Neuendorf, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Gerhard Dobberfuhl as assistant pastor in Immanuel Congregation, St. Charles, Mo., by Frederic Niedner, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Elton R. Dubs in St. Paul's Congregation, Dodge, N. Dak., by Hans F. Wiedenmann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Erwin Gerken in Pilgrim Congregation, Beaverton, Oreg., by W. F. Georg, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Geo. Loose as assistant pastor in Bethel Congregation, University City, Mo., by Albert J. Korris, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Herbert J. Mueller as assistant pastor in Holy Ghost Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by J. C. Mueller, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Charles Pool in Trinity Congregation, Berkley, Mich., by Conrad J. Engelder, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Harold E. Pruschke in the Negro congregation, Toledo, Ohio, by Walter O. Pasche, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Andrew Sabo in St. John's Congregation, Hooker, Okla., by E. H. Kroening, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. C. J. Schuette in Zion Congregation, Farmersville, Ill., by Walter E. Bussert, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. Norman Temme as assistant pastor in First Lutheran Congregation, Omaha, Nebr., by L. W. Temme, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. K. E. Schueler in First Lutheran Congregation, Fonda, Iowa, by O. H. A. Hoemann, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.

Conference Meetings

Pastors':

Southwestern, English District, Oct. 16, 17. Christ Church, Webster Groves, Mo. — EDWARD F. SCHMIDT, *Sec.*

Southern, Northern Illinois District, Oct. 16 (9 A. M.), 17. Trinity (Oak Glen), Lansing, Ill., W. T. Rossnagel, pastor. Communion service, Oct. 16, 11 A. M. Presence to pastor loci. — W. T. ROSSNAGEL.

Puget Sound, Oct. 16—18, New Washington Hotel, Seattle. Pastoral service Tuesday evening at Zion Church, C. Bensene, pastor. — ERNST R. DUMS, *Sec.*

Teachers':

Buffalo District, Oct. 11 at 9 A. M., St. Paul's Church, N. Tonawanda, N. Y. — ARNOLD F. NICOYER, *Sec.*

Northern Indiana, Oct. 25 (9:30 A. M.), 26, Campus of University, Valparaiso, Ind. Addresses by President Kretzmann; Profs. A. C. Repp, C. F. Lindberg, W. E. Bauer; Supt. Gernand; Messrs. H. D. Bruening, Carl Wisch, A. L. Arnt. — E. C. SCHUDE, *Chairman, Committee.*

Joint:

East Tennessee Circuit: The laymen of the circuit meet at Johnson City on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, with Dr. W. Arndt, St. Louis. Topic: "Is Lutheran Union Possible?" Pastors continue conference Monday and Tuesday. Announce to Pastor Geo. Beiderwieden. — G. H. BEAR, Nashville, Tenn.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild

will be held on the campus at Valparaiso, Ind., Oct. 19—21. The Executive Board will meet at 7:30 P. M. Oct. 19. Business sessions begin at 9:30 A. M. in the University Auditorium on Oct. 20. (All time is Central Standard Time.) — Miss. E. G. SCHWEPPE, *Executive Secretary.*

Election Result

Prof. E. E. Prahl of Tuckahoe, N. Y., has been elected for the professorship of Latin and Greek at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y. — F. W. WEINMANN, *Secretary.*

Call for Candidates

Since Rev. E. G. Gebauer has declined the call extended to him and since our present list is practically exhausted, the Board of Control, St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., is at this time calling for a new list of candidates. The nominated must be qualified to teach Latin and German. All nominations should by Nov. 6 be in the hands of Wm. O. SCHMIDT, *Secretary Board of Control*, 1504 Lipper, Higginsville, Mo.

Acceptance of Call

Dr. John Sullivan has accepted the call to the German professorship at Concordia College, Milwaukee. — GEO. BERNHARDT, *Secretary*, Board of Control, Milwaukee, Wis.

Nominations by Congregations

For Executive Secretary of the Board for Parish Education

Prof. E. W. Anderson, M. A., Ph. D.: Christ, Pattison, Tex.

Rev. W. F. Beck: Holy Cross, Vandalia, Ill.

Prof. Walter H. Beck, A. M., S. T. M., Ed. D.: Ebenezer, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. C. W. Berner, M. A.: Ascension, Saint Louis, Mo.

Rev. H. J. Boettcher, M. A.: St. Stephen, Duluth, Minn.; Trinity, Evansville, Ind.; Engl. Luth. of the Redeemer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Andrew, Niagara, N. Dak.; St. Paul, Lester Prairie, Minn.; Emmanuel, R. 7, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Bethlehem, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. A. W. Brustat: Our Redeemer, Scotia, N. Y.

Teacher Frank H. Colba: Mt. Olive, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Martin Daib: Zion, Kearney, Nebr.

Rev. Oscar E. Feucht: Redeemer, Bartlesville, Okla.; Our Saviour, Kansas City, Kans.; Zion, New Orleans, La.

Rev. Karl Graesser, M. A.: St. Luke, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. G. H. Hentschel, A. B.: St. John, Whiting, Ind.

Rev. H. H. Koppelmann: Bethlehem, Saginaw, Mich.

Rev. A. R. Kretzmann: Luther Memorial, Shorewood, Wis.

Prof. G. A. Kuhlman, M. A.: Trinity, Lincoln, Nebr.

Rev. C. W. Luekens: Calvary, Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. A. V. Maurer, Ph. D.: Bethany, Chicago, Ill.; Trinity, Manistee, Mich.

Teacher Arthur L. Miller, M. A.: Trinity, Bloomington, Ill.

Rev. A. C. Mueller: Holy Cross, Collinsville, Ill.

Rev. Walter Stuenkel: St. Paul, Concordia, Mo.

Prof. Otto Theiss, M. A.: St. John, Seward, Nebr.

Prof. Ernest E. Yunghans, M. A.: St. Martin, Chilton, Wis.

Information concerning these candidates should be sent as soon as possible to L. J. DUNKMANN, *Secretary, Board for Parish Education*, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

For the Chair of Sciences and Mathematics at Concordia College, Austin, Texas

Rev. R. C. Bosse, Amherst, Ohio: St. Paul's, Hilton, N. Y.

Mr. Bernhard Jens Christian Christensen, New Braunfels, Tex.: Cross, New Braunfels, Tex.; St. Paul's, Shreveport, La.

Rev. Roland A. Dede, Mellen, Wis.: Trinity, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. N. A. Eisen, B. S., Tulsa, Okla.: Grace, Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. E. C. Huebschmann, B. S., River Forest, Ill.: Mount Olive, San Antonio, Tex.

Prof. Wm. Kamprschmidt, M. A., Greensboro, N. C.: Bethany, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. A. C. Liefer, Aleman, Tex.: Immanuel, Temple, Tex.

Mr. Milton Schmidt, Quincy, Ill.: St. Paul's, Thorndale, Tex.

Prof. Edward H. Stoll, Winfield, Kans.: Bethany, Chicago, Ill.; First English, New Orleans, La.; Zion, New Orleans, La.

Information concerning these candidates should reach the undersigned before Oct. 24. — F. H. STRAAER, *Executive Secretary*, Thorndale, Tex.

Additional Candidate for Seward

Pastor R. Griesse, Clearwater, Nebr.: St. Luke's, Chicago, Ill.

J. C. HEINZMANN, *Chairman Board of Control*
Seward, Nebr., Sept. 17, 1945

Changes of Address

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Rev. Erwin Gerken, Beaverton, Oreg.
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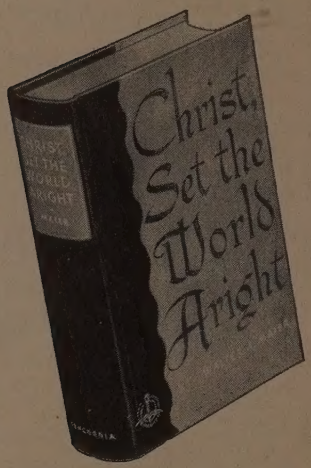

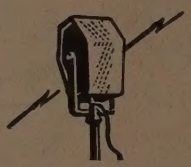

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